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THE ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
Selectmen for 1850 & '51,  
WITH THE AUDITORS' REPORT THEREON  
OF THE  
**Town of Epping,**

and annexed is the Report of the  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

*The Selectmen charge themselves with the following sums :*

Received from Selectmen of 1849 & '50	604,90
Benjamin S. Clifford, Collector 1848	28,43
James P. Tilton " 1849	113,82
John H. Prescott " 1850	2890,41
State Treasurer, Literary Fund	40,70
" " Railroad Tax	35,41
" " for paid Soldiers	93,00
County of Rockingham for support of paupers	198,34
Sundry persons for use of Town Hall	5,50
Orlando Langley for use of French Land	3,00
Theodore Purington, note and interest	4,78
Town of Deerfield for funeral expenses of Richard White	
tier	16,45
Selectmen of 1848	82,91
Mary J. Carr, money hired	100,00
John H. Pike " "	250,00
William Johnson " "	200,00
Oliver H. Bickford, balance of account	14,75
Chase P. Blake for oxen from Town Farm	72,22

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATE LIBRARY

\$4754,62

The Selectmen credit themselves with following sums paid out for outstanding claims of former years.

Benjamin S. Clifford, Collector of 1848	20,00
" " for paying soldiers in 1848	3,00
James P. Tilton for paying soldiers in 1849	2,50
William Plummer, jr., Auditor of Accounts 1849 & '50	4,00
Israel Norris " " 1849 & '50	4,00
William Plummer, jr. for Report of Superintending School Committee	1,00
Israel Norris " " "	,50

*Dudley Freese for services as Selectmen 1849 & '50.*

1850, Feb. 28, 1 day at Town House	1,25
March 1, 1 day at town house	1,25
March 2, 1 day at town house	1,25
March 9, 1-2 day at town house	,63
March 11, 1-2 day at correcting check list	,62
March 12, 1-2 day at correcting check list	,63
	<hr/> \$5,63

*Charles L. Godfrey for services as Selectmen 1849 & '50.*

1850, Feb. 28, 1 day at town house	1,25
March 1, 1 day at town house	1,25
" 2, 1 day at town house	1,25
" drawing off town accounts to be printed	3,00
" 9, 1-2 day at town house	,63
" 11, 1-2 day correcting check list	,63
" 12, 1-2 day correcting check list	,62
Cash paid express for bringing town Accounts,	,25
	<hr/> \$8,88

*Dudley Norris, Jr., services as Selectmen, 1849 & '50.*

1850, Feb. 28, 1 day at town house	1,25
March 1, 1 day at town house	1,25
" 2, 1 day at town house	1,25
" 9 1-2 day at town house,	,63
" 11, 1-2 correcting check list	,62
" 12, 1-2 day correcting check list	,63
	<hr/> \$5,63

Levi W. Pearson, Town Clerk March 9, 1850, for reinserting 76 pages of town records	9,50
Smith, Hall & Clarke for 400 copies town accounts for 1849 & '50	18,00
Godfrey & Libbey for Stationery	1,79
James L. Rundlett for building water course 1849	2,00
Joshua S. Webb for damage to horse & sleigh in 1849	4,00
James M. Godfrey for repairs on town house 1849	1,95
Joseph C. Plumer, plow broke on highway 1849	1,00
James P. Tilton for labor on highway 1849	2,00
George W. Lawrence for stone in 1849	3,00
W. W. Stickney for advice to Selectmen of 1849 & '50 in relation to assessing taxes and claims against S. B. Kimball	3,00



W. W. Stickney, fee in action Town vs. Nat. Bachelder and others	12,00
W. W. Stickney advice and decision in writing on claim of David Bartlett	2,00
	— \$17,00

### Bills of 1850 & '51

State Treasurer for State Tax	309,00
County Treasurer for County Tax	429,05

### Schools.

Geo. Sawyer, Prudential School Committee Dis. No. 1	265,94
Alfred Swain " " "	2 37,90
Josiah P. Chase " " "	3 54,82
Samuel H. Dow " " "	4 65,00
Daniel E. Cilley " " "	5 119,63
Chase P. Blake " " "	6 72,46
E. S. Folsom " " "	7 55,54
E. G. Dalton for Teachers' Institute	18,54
Lyman White, Fogg donation to the ministry	6,00
31 Soldiers at Annual Muster	15,50
31 Soldiers in Artillery	93,00
Dudley Freese Journey to Hampton Falls to pay soldiers	3,00
Dudley Freese for 1-2 cord of hard wood for town house	1,75
Betsy Fogg for 1 table for town house	2,00
George R. Norris for taking care of town house	5,00
Joseph Edgerly, jr. for guide post and putting up boards	1,75
H. G. O. Rundlett for use of house	,50
H. G. O. Rundlett for horse and carriage to Stratham	2,00
	— \$2,50

### Perambulation of Town lines.

John Brown surveyor of line between Epping & Raymond	,75
Daniel Tuttle surveyor of line between Epping and Not- tingham	1,25
Perley Robinson, surveying of line between Epping and Brentwood, So. Newmarket, Newmarket and Lee	5,00

### Dudley Freese :

May 17, 1 day horse and waggon to notify Raymond	1,50
" 28, 1 day on line between Epping and Raymond	1,50
June 15, 1 day on line between Epping and Nottingham	1,50
June 17, 1 day on line between Epping and Raymond	1,50
Oct. 2, day to notify Brentwood	1,50
Oct. 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 5 days on lines between Epping and Newmarket, Brentwood, Lee and South Newmarket	7,50
Cash paid, expenses	1,20
	— \$16,20
Dudley Norris, jr. perambulating town lines between Ep- ping and Raymond, Nottingham, Lee, Newmarket, South Newmarket and Brentwood, 8 days horse and carriage and expenses	12,13
2 days serving notice on Lee and South Newmarket	3,00
	— \$15,13

## Non-Resident Highway Taxes.

George Clough	,62	Levi Brown	,93
Wm. Rollins	,19	John S. Ladd	,93
Josiah Smith's heirs	,78	Charlotte Folsom	,78
Samuel P. Dow	2,02	Samuel Taylor	2,02
Elihu Scott	1,71	Elisha Proscott	,06
Jacob Burley's heirs	1,55	John Haley	,24
Noah Davis	,46	Eben. Prescott	,39
—\$12,68			

## New Roads.

Amos Stickney and John True for building Mill Bridge	82,80
road 90 rods at 92 cts.	
Joseph C. Plumer for land taken to widen road	32,50
Abraham Plumer for surveying alteration in road	,50

## Highways, Bridges and materials.

### *Higley's Bridge.*

Samuel G. Sanborn, 2 days work	2,00
Jonathan Swain 3 days work	3,00
Chase P. Blake 13 1-2 days work	13,50
Lowell N. Clifford 3 3-4 days work	3,75
Joseph Stokes 20 1-2 days work	20,50
Joseph Stokes 20 1-2 days board	6,84
Joseph Stokes for use of tools	,50
Jeremiah Sanborn use of Derrick	5,50
Jeremiah Sanborn use of tools	1,81
Hayden Higley for board of hands	9,14
G. D. Durgin for repairing tools	1,63
Eben P. Yeaton for repairing tools	4,73
Samuel Holmes 6 days work	6,00
Dudley Norris, jr. 24 days work	29,62
Eliphalet Dearborn 4 strings	44,00
George R. Norris 14 3-4 days work	11,06
Jacob Freese 3 days work	3,75
Jacob Freese hauling derrick	1,00
Moses Dow 18 days work	18,00
Chase C. Pike 18 1-2 days work	13,83
Orlando Langley 17 days work	17,00
Gardner C. Jones 3 days work	3,00
William F. Lawrence for powder &c.	3,64
John L. Folsom for 1903 feet plank	19,03

### *Other Bridges and Roads.*

Jeremiah Sanborn, building Abutments for Mill Bridge	\$250,00
Jacob Freese labor on Mill Bridge	10,62
" " 1447 feet Timber for " "	13,02
Jacob Stevens for Nails, &c.	1,14
David Fogg labor on road	1,98
Nathan G. Prescott 3 strings for Mill Bridge	27,00
Thomas Folsom 3181 feet Plank	28,54
Eben. P. Yeaton rail irons and drills	2,66



Dudley Norris, Jr. 2 days on Boston Bridge	1,50
John L. Folsom 1032 feet plank	9,28
David Bartlett for powder and plank	,62
George W. Lawrence damage to plow	,75
“ “ 404 feet timber	3,23
Henry Tilton stones for railing to bridge	2,00
James Harvey covering stone for bridge	3,00
John Rundlett building water course	10,00
John Willey, drills, powder and labor	2,50
David Blaisdell repairing Plow	4,33
John Johnson covering stone	10,00
“ “ 5 1-4 days labor on water courses	5,25
Joseph Clough repairing Bridges	1,50
Charles Norris plank and labor	1,84
Jacob H. Tilton 7 1-4 days work	7,25
“ “ hauling plank and work on Bridges	3,25
E. S. Hodgden, iron for rails	1,54
Jacob Freese 11 1-4 days work	8,44
“ “ railing Gulf Bridge	1,00
Nath'l Stevens, Jr. 448 feet Plank	3,58
Levi G. Towle. Stone Covering	5,00
H. G. O. Rundlett & Co., for spikes	,50

### Small Pox.

John S. Walker burying Jonathan M. Spratt,	\$10,00
“ “ cleansing Spratt's house	10,00
	<hr/> \$20,00
Woodbury Gilman services in burying Spratt	3,00
“ “ use of horse to carry corpse	2,00
“ “ assistance in cleansing house	2,00
“ “ April 15, horse and self to hauling	
“ “ infected goods	1,50
“ “ assistance in cleansing house	,50
“ “ April 16, cleansing and smoking	
“ “ Irishmen	1,00
	<hr/> \$10,00
Dennis Croghan services burying Spratt, cleaning house, &c.	\$8,00
Mark Conner's services assisting at Spratt's house	1,00
David Fogg, fencing road at Spratt's	,25
George W. Lawrence, clothing for John S. Walker	2,18
Theodore Purinton services of wife at J. M. Spratt's cleans-	
ing house, &c.	8,00
Perley Clough, refreshments furnished at Spratt's	1,50
“ “ expenses of Dr. Odiorne	1,50
“ “ Horse and Carriage	,75
Eliphalet Chase, bedding &c. for Mrs Spratt	2,50
George G. Odiorne, cleansing Spratt's house 3 days	15,00
“ “ visiting Mrs Hackett	3,00
“ “ 4 lbs Chlorate of Lime	,75
David Stickney, jr., journey to Chester and horse and carriage	2,50
L. H. Angell, vaccinating 558 persons	69,75
C. L. Godfrey, clothing for Croghan and Conner	4,00
“ “ expenses of Dr Odiorne and paid express	1,12
“ “ services as health officer in the matter of Small	
Pox	7,63
Dudley Norris, jr., services as health officer in the matter of	
Small Pox	6,00

## Town Farm.

Oliver H. Bickford 1 year's salary as Superintendent	120,00
Oliver H. Bickford, cash to buy supplies	160,00
John Dame, Jr., boot between horses	5,00
James H. Butler, boot between steers	8,00
Jacob Freese, repairing pumps &c.	5,00
Geo. W. White 1 1-2 day white washing	2,25
Lorenzo Colby, conveying Thorn to Town Farm	1,00
H. G. O. Rundlett & Co. 3 gals. rum and jug	1,75
Nath'l Bachelder reducing John Thorn's leg	4,00
“ “ May 13 to June 24, 26 visits to Thorn	19,50
John H. Prescott tax on Town Farm	14,81

### *Case of R. Whittier, repaid by Deerfield.*

Charles L. Godfrey paid for horse and carriage and driver to convey Richard Whittier home	1,25
Woodbury Gilman for attendance on R. Whittier	,75
John W. Caswell assistance at Whittier's funeral	1,00
David Watson, jr. “ “ “	1,00
John H. Prescott, digging grave, attending funeral and horse to Deerfield	4,00
John H. Pike, supplies to Mrs Whittier	2,45
Robert Pike, coffin to R. Whittier	3,00
Dudley Freese, services at funeral and attendance at the death of R. Whittier	2,00
D. D. Plumer notifying Sam'l Plumer, Esq., Joseph C. Plumer and Daniel W. Ladd of their doomage	1,00
“ serving notices on Samuel Plumer and David Bartlett of widening road	1,66
“ notifying Daniel W. Ladd, Daniel W. Ladd, jr. and Eliphalet Chase of petition of E. Chase and others to widen road	2,54
Levi W. Pearson, Town Clerk, notifying Jurors, recording taxes, returns of roads and perambulation of town lines and postage on venires	7,20
R. R. Lawrence, Superintending School Committee	9,00
John H. Prescott. Collector of taxes 1850	25,00
Charles L. Godfrey, blank books, blanks and stationery	4,84

### *Notes and Interest.*

John Lane, interest on note	6,00
John S. Rundlett's heirs, 2 notes and interest	856,90
Mary Jane Rundlett, note and interest	285,50
John A. Hodgdon, note and interest	117,73
Amos G. Bachelder, note and interest	29,46
Jonathan Tilton, note and interest	213,00

### *Selectmen's services out of Town.*

#### Charles L. Godfrey.

1850, Jan. 17, Journey to Exeter to consult W. W. Stickney in suit Nath'l Bachelder vs. Town	1,25
Paid for horse and carriage \$1,25, and expenses ,75	2,00
Feb. 19, journey to Exeter to get pauper account against county allowed	1,25
Horse and carriage and expenses	2,00
	\$6,50



*Dudley Freese.*

1850, May 13, 1-2 day at Farm	,63
July 4, 1-2 do do	,62
Nov. 26, 1-2 do do	,63
Dec. 12, 1-2 do do	,62
1851, Feb. 18, 1 do do appraising property	1,25
	<hr/> \$3,75

*Charles L. Godfrey.*

1850, May, 1-2 day at Farm	,62
paid for horse and carriage	,50
1851, Feb. 18, 1 day at farm appraising property	1,25
	<hr/> \$2,37

*Dudley Norris, Jr.*

1850, Aug. 12, self horse and carriage 1 day at town farm	1,25
1851, Feb. 18, do do 1 day at town farm	1,25
	<hr/> \$2,50

**Services and Expenses in Town.***Dudley Freese.*

1850. March 14 & 18, 1 day on town business	1,25
April 1, 3, 5; 3 days taking Inventory and expenses	4 50
April 9, 1 day viewing farms	1,50
April 13, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 27; 6 days on town business	9,00
May 24 & 29, 1 day on town business	1,50
June 24, 1-2 day on do do	,63
Aug. 31, 1-2 day on do do	,62
Sept. 7, 16, 17, 28; 2 days on town business	2,50
Oct. 7, 8, 12, 17, 21; 3 1-2 days on town business	4,38
Nov. 2, 1-2 day on town business	,62
Dec. 14, 1 day on do do	1,25
1851. Jan. 11, 1-2 day on do do	,63
Feb. 1, 15, 22, 24; 3 days on town business	3,75
	<hr/> \$30,38

*Charles L. Godfrey.*

1850. March 14 & 28, 1 day on town business	1,25
April 3, 5, 13, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 27; 8 days on town business	10,00
May 25, 29; 1 day on town business	1,25
June 12, 24; 1 day on do do	1,25
July 5, 29, 2 days on do do	2,50
Sept. 16, making warrant and two copies of same and 1 check list for town Meeting	2,00
Sept. 28, 30, 1 day on town business	1,25
Oct. 1, 7, 8, 12, 17, 21; 4 days at town business	5,00
Oct. 24, making report of widening highway on petition of D. Bartlett and others	2,00
Dec. 14, 1 day on town business	1,25
1851. Jan. 11, 1-2 day on town business	,62
Feb. 1, 15, 17, 22, 24; 4 days on town business	5,00
" Making warrants, 3 copies of same and 2 checklists for town Meeting	3,00
" Making out accounts against County	1,00
" Paid for horse and carriage to visit road and bridges, &c.	2,25
	<hr/> \$39,63

*Dudley Norris, Jr.*

1850. March 14 & 28, 1 day on town business	1,25
April 1, 2, 3, 4; 4 days taking inventory	6,00
do 9; 1 day examining farms	1,50
do 6, 13, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 27; 7 1-2 days on town business	9,38
do 24 & 25; 1 1-2 days distributing warrants	2,25
do 29; recording taxes	2,00
May 24 & 25; 1 day on town business	1,25
June 11; examining bridges	1,00
do 24; 1-2 day on town business	,62
July 4 & 5; moving plank, etc.	1,00
Aug. examining new road	,75
Oct. 7, 8, 12, 17, 21; 3 1-2 days on town business	4,37
Dec. 14; 1 day on town business	1,25
1851. Jan. 11; 1-2 day on town business	,63
Feb. 1, 15, 22, 24; 3 days at town house	3,75
	<hr/> \$37,00

	\$4708,87
Leaving in the hands of the Selectmen	45,75
	<hr/> 4754,62

*The list of Taxes committed to John H. Prescott :*

Collector of Taxes 1850 for collection amounted to	\$3569,20
Which is accounted for by abatements to	
Chase G. Barker, mistake in casting	1,00
John A. Barker's poll tax	1,98
John Jay Lane's tax out of State	2,64
Shuah Blake \$200 bank stock	1,32
Mead Folsom \$100 on mills,	,66
Horace Smith and others on land	,41
Cash paid to Selectmen	2890,41
	<hr/> \$2898,42

Leaving due from him the sum of	\$670,87
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The Selectmen of 1849 & '50 report as in the hands of Benj. S. Clifford, Collector 1848 the sum of	\$40,01
Which is accounted for by sundry abatements	11,58
Cash paid Selectmen of 1850	28,43
	<hr/> \$40,01

They report as in the hands of James P. Tilton Collector 1849 the sum of	157,61
Which is accounted for by sundry abatements	10,86
Cash paid Selectmen of 1850	113,82
	<hr/> \$124,68

Leaving due from him the sum of	\$32,93
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## GENERAL ACCOUNT.

The Selectmen are charged with the sum of \$4754,62.

They have paid out the following sums of money to wit:

For State Tax	\$309,00
do County Tax	429,05
do Schools	700,33
do The Militia	117,00
do Roads and Bridges	676,15
do New Roads	115,80
do Non-resident labor	12,68
do Expenses attending case of Small Pox	165,43
do do do the Town House	10,70
do Perambulation of town lines	38,33
do Fogg's donation for the ministry	6,00
do Stationery and blank books	6,63
do Printing Accounts of 1849 & '50	18,00
do Lawsuits and legal advice	17,00
do Constable fees	5,20
do Collector of Taxes 1848	20,00
do do do 1850	25,00
do Auditors of 1849 & '50	8,00
do Selectmen's services and expenses 1849 & '50	20,14
do do do do 1850 & '51 out of town	6,50
do do do do in town	109,51
do do as Overseers of the Poor	8,62
do Town Clerk 1849	9,50
do do do 1850	7,20
do Guide posts and boards	1,78
do Support of the poor	356,76
do Notes against the town and interest thereon	1508,59

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\$4708,87

Leaving in their hands the sum of

\$45,75

## Indebtedness of the Town March 1st, 1851.

Note to Sarah Keniston May 3rd 1848	50,00
do Susan A. Mathes January 20 1849	251,36
do Dudley Norris Jr. July 11 1849	100,00
do Nancy Norris Oct. 23 1849	450,00
do Sally Bennett Feb. 14 1850	52,80
do Mary B. Blaisdell Feb. 26 1850	269,10
do James S. Norris March 1 1850	600,00
do Mary J. Carr July 10 1850	100,00
do Maria French Sept. 6 1850	112,43
do John Lane Jan. 18 1850	100,00
do John H. Pike Feb. 1 1851	250,00
do William Johnson Feb. 7 1851	200,00
do Sarah Norris Feb. 22 1851	100,82
Interest on above notes	135,98
Estimated outstanding bills and abatements to be made	75,00
	<hr/> \$2847,49

### *Available Resources.*

In hands of James P. Tilton Collector 1849	32,93
do John H. Prescott do 1850	670,87
do Dudley Freese, Selectman 1850	45,75
	<hr/> \$749,55

Which leaves as the indebtedness of the town \$2097,94

The town debt March 1st 1850, after deducting therefrom  
the available resources of the town was \$2803,22

And on the March 1st 1851, deducting available re-  
sources is 2097,94

Being a reduction of the town debt this year of \$705,28



## TOWN FARM.

*Produce Raised on Town Farm 1850.*

Twenty tons of hay, 165 bushels corn, 2 bushels rye, 22 bushels Oats, 9 bushels beans, 60 bushels potatoes, 285 lbs. butter, 175 lbs cheese, 1025 lbs. pork, 580 lbs. beef, 40 lbs. wool, 10 bbls. cider, 90 bbls. apples, garden sauce, &c.

*Invoice of personal property as appraised by the Selectmen  
February 18th, 1851.*

8 tons english hay	80,00	5 spinning wheels	2,00
4 tons mixture hay	24,00	1 loom and apparatus	1,50
2 oxen	68,00	8 flour barrels	,80
4 three years old steers	75,00	6 cider casks	3,00
4 cows	80,00	103 bushels corn	92,70
15 sheep	30,00	2 do rye	2,00
1 horse	20,00	8 do beans	13,33
3 hogs	35,00	15 do oats	7,50
1 horse wagon	9,00	35 do potatoes	23,33
1 sleigh	4,00	400 lbs. pork	40,00
1 harness	3,50	300 do beef	21,00
1 buffalo rob	,50	95 do ham	9,50
1 pair wheels and cart	12,00	48 1-2 do butter	9,70
1 pair drafts and ax	1,00	64 do lard	8,00
1 sled	1,00	40 do cheese	3,20
1 hay rack	2,00	9 do candles	,99
1 set dry measures	,75	21 do tallow	1,89
1 corn sheller	,75	124 do ham	3,80
3 plows	19,00	5 1-2 bbls. cider	8,25
1 cultivator	2,00	1-2 bbls vinegar	1,50
1 ox harrow	2,00	garden sauce	6,00
Hay and manure forks	1,50	12 gals. apple sauce	2,00
Shovels	1,00	36 lbs. dried apples	1,44
4 hoes	1,00	Pickles and cask	2,00
4 yokes and irons	4,00	Lime	,50
4 chains	3,00	Brass kettle	1,00
1 whiffletree and chain	,75	Stone & brown ware	1,00
Ladders and bows	1,50	Tin ware	2,50
1 grindstone	4,50	Iron ware	1,00
Scythes and snaths	3,00	Crockery ware	2,00
Rakes	1,00	Wooden ware	1,00
Shaves, augers, saw, hammer & wrench	2,00	5 baskets	,75
1 wood saw	,42	5 tables	2,50
1 iron bar	,75	4 sets drawers	,50
Beetle & wedges	,50	1 doz. spoons	,25
4 axes	2,00	2 sets knives & forks	,75
Hardwood timber *	4,00	Shovel, tongs & handirons	1,25
3-4 M shingles	1,50	10 skeins yarn	,80
1 M pine boards	12,00	6 yds woolen flannel	3,00
Cheese press and apparatus	2,00	5 yds cassimere	3,75
Glass lantern & candlesticks	,90	4 gals molasses	1,12
1 sieve	,20	20 bbls apples	22,50
1 pair glass lamps	,25	7 beds, bedding and bedsteads	28,00
40 tin pans	3,00	1 coffee mill	,12
1 bed pan	,75	Upper Leather	3,00
4 pails	,50	9 lbs sole leather	,90
Tubs	1,00	1 churn	1,50
1 meal chest	1,00	1 firkin	,25
1 pair steelyards	1,00	1 keg	,50
5 stoves & funnel	9,00	30 gal soap & tubs	7,00
1 cooking stove & funnel	2,50	20 lbs soap grease	1,00
12 chairs	1,50	Cheese safe and old chest	1,00

*Oliver H. Bickford to the Town of Epping, Dr.*

## To Cash received for—

1850, Feb. 23 1 turkey	,50	240 feet boards	1,74
March 12 of Selectmen	40,00	70 lbs hide	3,15
April 13 do	30,00	Ox work	2,00
May 28 do	25,00	1 sheep	1,50
July 24 do	25,00	4 lambs	5,00
Oct. 28 do	40,00	Shoemaking	10,00
11 lbs veal	,50	Labor	10,00
3 bush oats	1,50	3 yds flannel	1,50
31 1-4 lbs calf skins	3,92	Baiting oxen	,42
7 1-2 gals apple sauce	1,25	64 bbls apples	66,37
1 bbl cider	1,00	74 lbs butter	10,11
5 pelts	3,25		
			111,79
	\$171,92		171,92
			\$283,71

*Town of Epping to Oliver H. Bickford, Dr.*

## To Cash paid for—

1-2 ton hay	3,63	1 bush red-top seed	1,00
1 bed pan	1,00	12 lbs clover seed	1,75
1 whip lash	,10	20 lbs soap grease	,88
4 lbs raisins	,36	1 plow	12,00
Raymond taxes	11,32	1 tin pail	,62
1 bed cord	,42	1 lb alum	,08
Tin ware	,90	18 yds print	2,20
1-2 qu. paper	,10	15 1-2 yds drilling	2,40
1 box bedbug poison	,17	6 qts oil	1,35
Carding wool & dressing cloth	7,98	3 papers of pins	,21
Pasturing oxen	6,00	1 bottle ink	,06
14 3-4 bush rye	14,75	16 skeins thread	,08
1 peck corn	,17	6 1-2 oz. thread	,58
Blacksmithing	5,84	5 chambers	,66
3 shoats	6,00	Fresh fish	,50
132 lbs mackerel	6,13	11 balls thread	,71
43 gal molasses	11,20	4 plates	,12
1 nappy	,25	Labor	39,00
50 flour barrels	6,25	4 spoons	,16
1 hoe	,25	1 hand rake	,84
225 lbs beef	13,35	1 scythe	,75
8 yds blue drilling,	,92	Corned fish	,74
7 lbs batting	,62	1 rennet	,12
5 lbs. redwood	,20	5 lbs nails	,25
15 lbs tobacco	2,94	540 crackers	2,24
4 combs	,32	8 yds crash	,76
1 gimlet	,06	50 1-2 yds sheeting	3,93
1 pair ox bows	,37	2 oz. peppermint	,12
1 cruet	,08	18 lbs salaratus	1,44
1 auger	,20	12 1-2 lbs sou. tea	4,56
1 set knives & forks	,75	9 1-2 bush salt	4,12
1 pair salts	,13	34 1-2 lbs sugar	2,54
6 mugs	,36	1 1-2 lb snuff	,50
1 pitcher	,18	1 2 lb cloves	,20
1 clothes line	,20	2 lbs pepper	,32
2 doz clothes pins	,08	148 1-2 lbs fish	4,15
Making cart	2,25	8 bbls flour	50,37
1-2 lbs cassia	,18	1 1-2 lbs Y. H. Tea	,75
1 cheese basket	,42	5 bags salt	1,25
2 baskets	,26	2 oz. indigo	,20
2 qts linseed oil	,50	9 yds. ticking	,90
1 pt. japan	,49	30 lbs coffee	3,61



4 lbs ven. red	,20	2 lbs candles	,25
1 bush H. G. seed	4,00	4 lb tallow	,32
21 lbs rice	,98	2 balls wicking	,10
25 bush potatoes	8,60	1-4 lbs spice	,05
2 books	,20	Tanning and currying leather	3,50
21 1-2 lbs S. Leather	4,46		
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			145,77
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			268,96
Cash paid Selectmen to balance			14,75
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			\$283,71

*Brief Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the support of the Poor.*

Received from County for support of Paupers at Town Farm	198,34
do of Oliver H. Bickford to balance account	14,75
do of Chase P. Blake for oxen sold	72,22
do of Orlando Langley for rent of French land	3,00
Increased valuation of personal property	65,85
Labor on Higley's bridge 30 days	26,50
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	\$380,66
Paid Superintendent as his salary	120,00
Cash advanced Superintendent	160,00
Boot between horses and steers	13,00
Bill to Dr. Bachelder for doctoring Thorn	23,50
Other expenses of Thorn	2,75
Bill to Dr. Angell for doctoring paupers	7,75
Charges of Overseers of the Poor	8,62
Repairs on Town Farm	7,25
Town Tax	14,81
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	\$357,68

This shows that the Town Farm has the past year supported the poor of the town, paid its taxes and Superintendent's salary, the charges of the Overseers and all bills connected with it, and the net profits are the sum of

\$22,98

The number of paupers at the Town Farm at the present time is nine.

### Auditor's Report.

The Auditors appointed to examine the account of the Selectmen for the year 1850-'51, having attended to that duty, report, that they have found said accounts, as exhibited to them, and accompanying this report, to be correctly cast and supported by the proper vouchers.

The various items of receipt and expenditure for the last year, having been drawn off and exhibited by the Selectmen, so that the several items may be seen, each under its proper head, the Auditor's have not thought it necessary to repeat them in their report.

The debt of the town, at this time, as appears by the books and accounts of the Selectmen, is \$2097,94; which is \$705,28 less than it appeared by the Auditors account of the last year. The town debt in 1840-41 as stated by the Auditors of that year, was \$5288,26. This gives an average reduction of \$319,03 per annum. The present year's reduction appears to be \$705,28. At this rate, it will require less than three years to pay the whole town debt, and thus diminish very sensibly the burden of taxation for the future.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

WILLIAM PLUMER,

for the Auditors.

Epping, March 1, 1851.

The suit brought by the Selectmen of 1849 against Nathaniel Bachelder, James L. Rundlet & Dudley L. Harvey, Selectmen of 1848, to recover money belonging to the town in their hands, which they refused to account for, or pay over, was settled March 28, 1850. The Selectmen of 1848, paid eighty two dollars ninety cents to the present board and made the necessary entries in their accounts, to show what became of the balance unaccounted for when the suit was commenced.

December 14, 1850, Dr. Nathaniel Bachelder commenced a suit against the town to recover the following bill—

*Town of Epping to Nathaniel Bachelder, Dr.,*

1849, May 28, to going to Exeter to get advice and expenses on court house	2,75
Paid G. Marston for writing petition	2,00
June 5 to going to Poplin to obtain petitioners, horse, &c	1,50
June 7 to going to Raymond, horse, &c.	1,50
June 12, to going to Concord and staying 3 days	6,00
Paid expenses	3,75
Paid horse and carriage do	3,50
June 19, to myself and horse, &c. to Concord 5 days	12,50
Paid expenses	5,92
June 25, to myself, horse &c. to Concord 3 days	9,00
Paid expenses	3,75
Paid for printing petition	1,00
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	\$53,17

Dec. 12, 1850.

It will be seen by comparing the above bill with the one presented to the Selectmen of 1849, January 19, 1850, that there is no less than six alterations in the charges, which are twelve in number. See town reports of last year.

The Selectmen of 1849 declined paying the charges of June 19 & 25 for reasons set forth in their report to the town, and offered to pay the balance.

The Selectmen of 1850, consulted counsel who say that the town is not liable to pay any portion of the bill and the case was entered at the last term of the Court of Common Pleas and counsel have been employed to defend the suit.

The Town Debt is at five per cent interest, with the exception of \$563,79, which is at six per cent.



The Selectmen have at the suggestion of several persons inserted an article in the warrant for the Annual Meeting, to enable the Collector to make a discount to those persons who pay their taxes within certain limits of time. It is important to the town to have the taxes collected at an early period in the political year.

DUDLEY FREESE,	} Selectmen of Epping.
CHARLES L. GODFREY,	
DUDLEY NORRIS, Jr.	

March 1st, 1851.

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee of the TOWN OF EPPING, for the year ending March 1851, beg leave to Report.

Your Committee are required by law at the Annual Meeting of the town, to make a Report of the condition, and progress of the public Schools, during the year then ending. To do this with correctness, and discrimination, is a work of difficulty. We have to judge of each school, from their appearance, the short space of time we spend in them, near their commencement, and their close. This is like determining a man's course of life by a few hours observation.

He may appear well, while watching him, but be far from what he should be, when out of sight. Could we be with the schools at all times, we might be able, more correctly, to speak of their character. It is also difficult when visiting the schools, at their conclusion, to remember their precise aspect, at their commencement; so as to be able to decide with exactness, what apparent progress has been made. This difficulty is sometimes increased, from the fact that the progress has been small if any. From these reasons, your committee's opinion of teacher and school, may be different from that of the district, and perhaps be less correct. Two of the schools taught in town were visited by your committee only at the beginning. The summer term of District No. 4, we were not notified of its close until afterwards, although the law make it strictly the Prudential Committee's duty, to inform us. The winter term, of District No. 6, we were invited by the Prudential Committee, to visit on a given day. We called on said day, and found the school closed, the day previous, for what reason, we cannot say.

The summer term, in District No. 1, was taught, by Ellen C. Bartlett. This was well managed, and a good school. The winter term, by Joseph C. Morrill. This school we were well pleased with. The Primary Department, summer and winter, was taught, by Eunice C. Sawyer. There was some dissatisfaction about this school, among the inhabitants, and we think not without some rea-

son. District No. 2, was taught by Lydia H. Veasey. Good satisfaction was given. District No. 3, was taught, in the summer by Martha R. Robinson,—Some fault was found, but we think without cause. The winter term, was taught, by Sarah J. Mathes. This did not meet our expectations.

District No. 4, was taught, by Martha S. Brooks. Her school appeared well, upon examination, but there was some dissatisfaction among the people, how much cause they had for it we cannot say. District No. 5, was taught, by Sarah J. Plumer. This school on examination, did not appear as it should.—District No. 6, was taught, by Ann E. Clifford. There was some trouble, with one of the large girls, but no fault of the teacher; the school otherwise, was good. The winter term was taught, by Joseph Fullington. This we cannot report, as will be seen, by a former allusion. District No. 7, was taught, by Abby P. Folsom. She was well qualified, so far as education was concerned, but was wanting in government, it might have been owing to some bad scholars which she had, or feeble health, which, after two months, obliged her to leave the school. Mary A. H. Clifford finished this school, and made some improvement.

Your Committee regret, to be under the necessity of saying there is a want of regularity, and promptness, in the attendance, of scholars generally, which retards their progress, and greatly embarrasses the teacher.

We were also unable to secure, a uniformity, of Books, although we strongly recommended it. Parents we think should feel more interest in this than they seem to evince.

Prudential Committees should strive to secure the best of teachers, without regard to money, interest, Sectarian views, Religion, or Politics.

We also think too large a portion of our school money is paid for Female teachers. The School Houses, in Districts No. 2, 3, and 5, are in bad condition, and not worthy of the name, much less, to be occupied as such by our children.

Proper attention, to these several points, would very soon put a new face upon our schools.

ALL of which is respectfully submitted.

ISRAEL NORRIS,	} SUPERINTENDING
CHARLES H. CHASE.	

P. S.—The reason Mr. Lawrence's name is not attached to this Report, is his absence from Town.

EPPING, MARCH 1st, 1851.